



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

Executive Order 2010-10

WHEREAS; North Dakota was hit by a large spring storm on April 1-3, 2010, which produced significant rain and snow showers, heavy snow accumulations and wind gusts in excess of 30 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the spring storm severely impacted municipalities and rural areas for several days, shut down transportation routes, and hindered the ability of local emergency services to respond to calls for assistance; and

WHEREAS, this storm caused widespread damage to electrical, telephone, and radio communication infrastructure, leaving citizen without power throughout the state for several weeks until all areas damaged by the storm can be repaired; and

WHEREAS, the extended periods of power outage caused undue hardship for individuals, families and ranchers, requiring the use of alternate sources of power and heat while others had to relocate to shelters or with friends and family members; and

WHEREAS, I directed the N.D. Department of Emergency Services, Division of Homeland Security, to request a joint federal, state and local survey of the damaged areas.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hoeven, Governor of the State of North Dakota, by the authority invested in me, do hereby declare a state disaster in Adams, Benson, Burleigh, Eddy, Emmons, Grant, Hettinger, Kidder, McLean, McHenry, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, Sioux, Ward and Wells counties and the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation as a result of the spring storm April 1-3, 2010.

This order is issued upon the following basis and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution; and,
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code; and,

3. A coordinated and effective effort of all state departments is required to minimize the impact of disasters and emergencies in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 11th day of April, 2010.



John Hoeven
Governor

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

Deputy